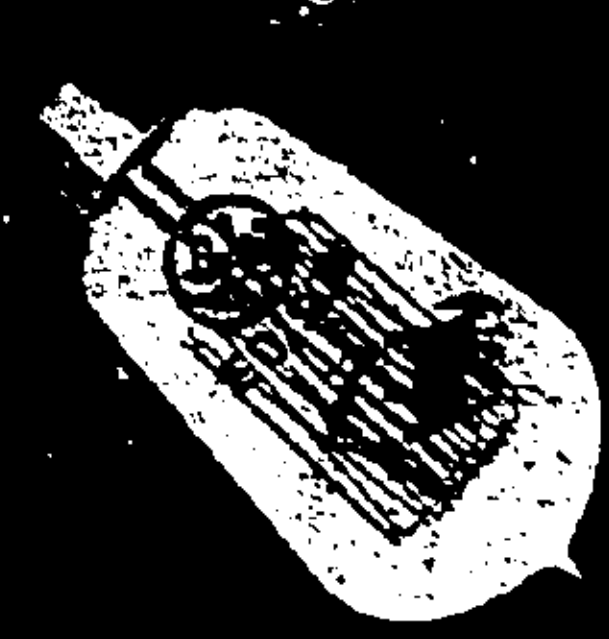


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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMANY MUST SIGN.

Paris, Dec. 5.
The "Echo de Paris" states with regard to yesterday's Supreme Council Meeting that it is opined that only the ultimatum to Germany which is being drafted to-day can get the Allies out of an embarrassing situation and that Marshal Foch declared yesterday that if the ultimatum is despatched he is ready to carry out the plans prepared last June, the threat of which brought the Germans to Versailles. Well informed people affirm that the Allies will occupy Frankfurt and Essen if the Germans do not sign forthwith.

London, Dec. 5.
Marshal Wilson's summons to Paris emphasized the seriousness of the position that is developing out of the growing arrogance of Germany. The Supreme Council in Paris yesterday secretly discussed the enforcement of the Treaty. Marshal Foch was present and the deliberations will be resumed to-day. Despatches from Berlin indicate that the Government's position is becoming difficult in face of the bluster of the militarists whose demonstrations have become bolder since receipt of the Entente notes. It is apparently believed that the demobilisation and war weariness of the Allies and the supposed secession of the United States will prevent the application of military pressure to enforce the Treaty. The "Freiheit" throws a sinister light on the armament of the Defence Corps and describes the semi-official statement cabled yesterday as a monstrous fiction. It declares that the Citizen Guards drill regularly, including bombing practice, while the so-called Public Security Police are equipped by regulars and equipped with heavy mortars and flamethrowers.

London, Dec. 5.
Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at Glasgow, prophesied that there will be no general election for at least three years. Referring to the doubts as to whether Germany will ratify the Treaty he said that Britain and the Allies had the power and would, if necessary, exercise it to assure that the Treaty, which is a stern treaty, be not merely ratified but carried into effect. A sufficient portion of Britain's great army is being preserved to see that the terms of peace are enforced.

Paris, Dec. 6.
The Note to Germany was not communicated to the German Delegation to-day. It will probably be presented tomorrow.

Paris, Dec. 6.
The Supreme Council's note to Germany demands that the German Government sign the protocol, failing which the Allies will adopt military measures of coercion.

Paris, Dec. 5.
The "Petit Journal" states that the Allied Note demands that Germany sign the Protocol without discussion and precludes the possibility of further negotiations. After three days notice, the war regime may be resumed and the blockade automatically re-established.

Paris, Dec. 6.
The text of the Note was adopted unanimously. The greatest secrecy naturally is maintained regarding its contents but it is understood, however, to be of the firmest tone and there is every reason to believe German discussion in connection with the enforcement of the Treaty will be closed once and for all. It is even possible that Germany may agree to the exchange of ratifications within the week.

Paris, Dec. 6.
Although nothing has been published regarding the discussions of Foch, Wilson, and the Supreme Council it is generally understood that everything is ready for immediate action. The Rhine groups have been regrouped in such a manner as to facilitate advance. It should be remembered that the Treaty of Versailles is not yet in force. The Armistice regime still exists. The Armistice was prolonged on February 15.—For a short period without date of expiry. It can therefore be ended on three days notice. Meanwhile telegrams from Switzerland report the exodus of wealthy Germans from the right bank of the Rhine while the number of Germans awaiting permission to enter Switzerland is increasing daily.

Paris, Dec. 6.
The British attitude towards Germany is described as one of absolute firmness. Complete agreement exists between Foch and Wilson, all measures having been taken in the Armies of Occupation with the view to continuing military preparations. From Strasbourg come reports of unusual military activity. Numerous heavy guns have crossed the Selt Bridge to the right bank of the Rhine.

London, Dec. 6.
The "Daily Mail" at Berlin has interviewed Herr Noske agent the advance of the Allies. After preliminary bluster he declared the Allies can do what they please as Germany does not possess the means for resistance. The statement is regarded merely as an effort by the Government to save face.

London, Dec. 5.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Donald Mac Lean, Mr. Bonar Law stated there was little reason to doubt that the communications now being held between the Allies and the German Government with a view to immediate ratification of peace would result satisfactorily.

THE INDIA BILL.

London, Dec. 5.
In the House of Commons the Government's India Bill passed its third reading unanimously.

In the House of Commons, in the course of the debate on the Government of India Bill, Mr. Gershom Stewart asked what guarantee we had that India would not manipulate tariffs against Britain?

Mr. Montagu asked what guarantee have we that Australia won't? He declared that nothing could do so much harm as the slightest suspicion that we wanted to alter the tariffs of India in the interests of British trade. The solidarity of the Empire rested upon imperial goodwill which had always been developed by mutual trust. He did not think this matter could be dealt with under this Bill.

RUSSIAN CONDITIONS.

Dorpat, Dec. 8.
Peace conditions have been exchanged between Russia and Estonia. It is understood the Russian conditions include recognition of the Soviet political system, recognition of diplomatic and commercial relations, withdrawal of foreign troops unimpeded by commercial considerations, and the use of Estonian ports. The Bolsheviks demand a cessation of hostilities and demand final peace.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NAVY'S RECORD.

London, Dec. 5.
The Navy Estimates amount to £157,400,000. Mr. Walter Long points out that a large proportion is for services pre-Armistice and mentions that the situation in Ireland necessitated the employment of six destroyers, three sloops, and six motor launches in Irish waters. The clearance of the seas from mines will be accomplished well within scheduled time. The loss of life in mine sweeping is only 6 per cent. The new Atlantic Fleet may be compared to the Grand Fleet. It will consist of battle squadrons two, compared to four; battle cruiser squadrons one, compared to two; cruiser squadron nil, compared to two; flying squadron one ship, light cruiser squadrons two, compared to seven; destroyer flotillas four compared to six; submarine flotillas three compared to six; 252,000 officers and men have been demobilised. 611 ships are cancelled out. 1,003 have been ordered and are being constructed. 823 of His Majesty's ships were lost in the war, including 13 battleships and 3 battle cruisers. In addition 815 auxiliaries were lost. 3,000,000 persons and 50,000,000 tons of goods were transported at sea during war time. The estimated expenditure of the new construction is £25,000,000.

LATEST WAR BOOK.

London, Dec. 6.
The latest and one of the most interesting war books is Cardinal Mercier's memories of Belgium during the German occupation, the publication of which is begun in the "Times." Cardinal Mercier makes his correspondence with the German authorities the feature of his story as embodying "My war experiences in their tensest and most vivid reality." The book, unlike other war books, dwells on the moral aspects of the struggle. Cardinal Mercier, from the outset, grasped that it was a conflict between right and wrong. In his first communication to Von Bissing he told the latter he represented—"A usurping, hostile nation in whose presence the Belgians asserted the right of independence." From this attitude Cardinal Mercier did not swerve until the day when Baron Lancken came to tell him evacuation was imminent. Lancken said: "You are to us the incarnation of occupied Belgium." Documents quoted by Mercier show the Germans, fuming and helpless, were unable to silence and afraid to imprison Mercier who refused and silenced, denounced and bantered his enemies.

GERMAN RETREAT.

Copenhagen, Dec. 8.
A Lettish communique reports that Germans continue to retreat beyond the Murajew-Shavli line abandoning much material, including fifty locomotives, hundreds of waggon, forty guns, aeroplanes, and wireless outfits. The Letts have repulsed the Bolshevik attack in East Latvia.

GERMAN CUSTOMS DUTY.

Paris, Dec. 6.
The Supreme Council has finally examined the question of payment of Customs Duty to Germany on the land frontiers. The German Government desires the duties collected in gold as on the sea frontiers. A decision thereon has been postponed, pending enforcement of the treaty.

FIGHTING THE BOLSHEVISTS.

London, Dec. 5.
A War Office message says the Caucasus Bolsheviks were compelled at Astrakhan to retire to the defences of Tsaritsin on which in assaults on the 1st inst. they were completely defeated. The centre of the Don army has been driven back west of Kalach. The Reds are attacking the volunteers with increasing vigour.

EARL HAIG'S ESTATE.

London, Dec. 5.
Subscriptions amounting to fifty-four thousand pounds sterling are invited to present Earl Haig with Bemerseyde Estate in Scotland as a personal gift from the people of the Empire.

PERSIAN BANDITS.

London, Dec. 6.
What is authoritatively described as a fine piece of work, now concluded, has freed the Persian Province of Isfahan from dangerous bands of mounted brigands and resulted in the complete defeat, capture, and execution of most dangerous outlaws in Persia. Affairs in the province of Isfahan, became most serious owing to bands of robbers joining forces. The Government of Teheran sought aid from the Shiraz Governor General whereupon joint columns of South Persia Rifles marched from Shiraz and Kerman respectively distances of 300 and 400 miles, and concentrated upon Isfahan. The outlaws took up quarters in a strong walled village which was amply provisioned. The Shiraz column, commanded by Lieut. Col. Fraser, after forced marches, surrounded this stronghold and helped by other Persian troops stormed it, capturing the entire bands who so lengthily terrorised the country.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

WAR TROPHIES FOR SINGAPORE.

Singapore, December 12.
Two light guns, twenty machine guns, fifty helmets, eight packs one signal thrower, sixteen trench mortars and eight wire cutters or captured German war material will be sent to the Malay States as trophies.

UNITED ENGINEERS.

Singapore, December 12.
At an extraordinary general meeting of United Engineers was resolved to increase the capital from four million to five million dollars.

THE SHIPPING DISPUTE.

GUILDS' OFFER OF ARBITRATION.

REPLY OF THE OWNERS.

The dispute between a number of local shipowners and the officers and engineers operating their ships has been advanced another stage as the result of a joint meeting of members of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China held yesterday afternoon. As previously reported, certain owners have proposed that the matter be referred to arbitration, and yesterday a meeting was called to discuss this and also whether the proposed cessation of work should be postponed in order to afford the ship-owners an opportunity of offering some definite counter-proposals.

Following discussion, the meeting unanimously decided to write to the Shipowners' Protection Association offering to submit the matter to arbitration.

This morning we have received from Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, the solicitors for the combined Guilds, the following copy of the letter that has been sent to the owners' solicitors as a result of last night's meeting, in which will be found the conditions governing the offer:

"Dear Sirs,—We have just heard from our clients, Captain D'Oliveira and Mr. W.J. Stokes, that at the meeting held this afternoon, it was resolved that the Companies concerned should be notified that the captains, officers and engineers concerned are prepared to submit the matter now in dispute to a Board of Arbitration, one Arbitrator to be chosen by the Guilds and one by the owners and a third by these two, the arbitrator chosen by each party to be approved by the other; that in the event of this offer being accepted, the proposal of the captains, officers and engineers concerned to cease work on December 17th should be cancelled in the case of those Companies who accept arbitration, and further that in the event of this offer not being accepted before noon on Tuesday, December 16th, the captains, officers and engineers concerned should take the necessary legal steps to terminate their engagements by 24 hours notice at their port of engagement, as stipulated for by their Articles of Agreement, at or after noon on Wednesday, December 17th.

To the above letter, Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston have replied as follows:—"Dear Sirs,—We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date which we have placed before our clients the Shipowners' Protection Association of Hongkong.

"Our clients note that it is not now the intention of the Captains, Officers and Engineers concerned to determine their engagements other than according to law, that is to say, those employees who are on six months Articles determinable in Hongkong will not terminate the same until the expiration of their Articles and then only in Hongkong; and that as regards those who are under Articles which can be terminated on twenty-four hours' notice in Hongkong, the same will only be determinable in Hongkong on twenty-four hours' notice.

"The Captains, Officers and Engineers concerned are of course legally entitled to do what they now propose to do, and the owners concerned can take no exception thereto; consequently, in view of your letter of yesterday's date, no legal proceedings will now be instituted.

"Our clients have already given a detailed consideration to your clients' demands and have compared the present wages paid with those in various other parts of the world. Our clients have also carefully considered the present position of the freight market, and have come to the conclusion that it is impossible for them at the present time to consider any increase of wages, but we are instructed to state that at a future date, should there be a substantial rise in the freight market, our clients will be prepared to reconsider the situation.

"We are further instructed to state that if the offer is at the present moment by any particular cases of hardship, the owners concerned will be prepared to discuss the same with the employees concerned."

It was also decided last evening that if this offer is not accepted, the decision to call a strike on December 17th will be strictly adhered to. From the above it will be seen that the week-end is an important one for the parties concerned in the dispute, but it is to be hoped that an agreement will be found. The members of the Guilds are having a meeting at the Astor House tomorrow afternoon, when the situation will be further discussed.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s 13/4d.

TEA DANSANT.

Another, very enjoyable tea dansant took place at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday, when the ever-popular entertainers Aileen and Doris Woods again appeared and delighted everybody. It has been well said of the Misses Woods that they are graceful and original and possess the necessary magnetism to attract, are clever entertainers with plenty of dash, and a knowledge of how to get their audience.

Tea dansants will be held at the Hotel on Monday and Thursday next, December 15 and 18, the Misses Woods again appearing.

DAY BY DAY.

One fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever was notified yesterday, the victim being a Chinese.

John Tearney, sailor from H.M.S. Hawkins, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with damaging a gas light to the extent of \$5 at No. 5, Spring Garden Lane. The defendant, who stated that he knew nothing about the occurrence, was fined \$5.

Music-lovers will be interested to hear that M. Sykora, the well-known cellist, who visited Hongkong in February last with M. Sklarevsky, is now passing through the Colony on his way from Java to Manila. He later intends to go to America and will possibly be able to give a concert on his way back from Manila.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY:
Theatre Royal — Boxing Tournament—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—8.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

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SCOTLAND YARD AND THE LINER MYSTERY.

Further investigation in London of the disappearance from the steamship Merkara of £70,000 worth of diamonds, which were being dispatched from London to Colombo, produces an unusually mysterious story. Scotland Yard have few facts to work upon, and no satisfactory explanation has yet been evolved.

The stolen gems were sent by Messrs. Kino Brothers of Holborn-viaduct, E.C., to their branch in Colombo, in five packets, which were registered at the Post Office and insured at Lloyd's.

They were taken with other mails from Mount Pleasant Post-office to the Royal Albert Docks by train, and there went aboard the Merkara, a large vessel owned by the British India Steam Navigation Company. There being no strong-room on the ship, the mails were placed in the hold above general cargo.

At Bombay it was found that a number of canvas mail bags had been ripped open and the packets of diamonds had gone.

When the vessel returned to London on Saturday detectives made a thorough examination of her but they are handicapped by the long period that has elapsed since the stores disappeared.

In conversation with a *Daily Chronicle* representative, one of the heads of the Investigation Department of the Post Office scouted the suggestion that the jewels had been stolen before they were placed on the Merkara. He argued that the ripping open of the mail-bags could only have been done at sea, and the ship's officers appeared satisfied that the packages were in order when they came aboard.

On the other hand, the difficulties nowadays of obtaining passages made it unlikely that experienced thieves could have made arrangements quickly enough to have been able to travel on the boat. The only suggestion he could offer was that the thief was a member of the crew.

He agreed that burglar-proof strong-rooms should be installed on every boat which carries valuables but as ships' masters were solely responsible for valuables received on board it was not a matter in which Scotland Yard or the Post Office could interfere.

RAT HUNTING WITH MICROBES.

LESS SPECTACULAR, BUT MORE EFFECTIVE.

So far the spectacular side of Rat Week, says a Home paper, has been a little disappointing. The secret methods of the rat chemist who works quietly in his laboratory and invents deadly poisons have ousted the bludgeoning tactics of the old-time rat-catcher. The thirsty habits of the rat are being exploited by rat chemists with good results. In South London there is a well-known laboratory where a corps of chemists are employed in rearing poison microbes by the million.

Hunting for a rat hunt proved nearly as exciting as the actual warfare itself. Rats were not being hunted in the open on a grand scale, but were being secretly poisoned with microbes and sent to their doom in their holes, and even in sewers and drains. Rat hunts on a small scale were fairly common in Bermondsey and Poplar and other places where the food of the nation is warehoused. The Port of London Authority has a rat crusade of its own. It is engaged in a perennial warfare against the rat, and kills thousands of them all the year round.

The campaign rouses more enthusiasm in the suburbs, where rat hunts were organised with success. As was foreshadowed the rat is showing desperate cunning in avoiding traps. Authentic stories of their intelligence come from all parts of the country. More evidence as to how rats steal eggs is sent by a Northern reader.

"I once sat a hen in a clump of nettles upon eleven duck eggs he writes. Three days afterwards I noticed there were only ten. At dusk I saw the nettles move, and noticed a big rat tugging at something, and before long a second rat appeared, turned over upon its back with an egg pressed against its body by its fore feet.

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THE NEXT ELECTION.

Some months back, it looked as though a General Election would have taken place at Home ere this, for the critics of the Government were many and unsparing. We are inclined to think that there would have been a very early Dissolution had it not been that the Premier, seeing the approaching storm, went to the House of Commons and, in a really brilliant speech, in which he handled his critics with that generalship which is one of his best assets, silenced and dumfounded those from whom all the grumbling had come. Mr. Lloyd George is a clever tactician, and it is probably not stretching things too far to say that this speech was the turning point in the life of the Coalition, or, to put it in other words, that it at any rate materially lengthened the Government's life. Mr. Bonar Law is the latest Cabinet Minister to speak of the possibilities of an early General Election, and he asserts that there is no prospect of such a development at any rate for the next three months. He is probably right in saying so much.

When the General Election does come, it will be a fight of more than usual interest. Many changes have come over the country since the electorate was last consulted, and it cannot be overlooked that the last appeal to the people did not result in a real test of popular opinion, since many of the voters were unable to exercise the franchise, whilst the general disposition of those who did go to the polls was to allow the Coalition, which had admittedly won the war, to put on the finishing touches by arranging peace. The question of supreme moment, therefore, is how the new factors at Home will influence the political situation—whether Labour will come more fully into its own, how the Coalition will fare, and what chances the distinctive old-time political parties will have of carrying any large number of votes. It will have been noticed that Mr. Lloyd George, in his recent speech at Manchester, addressed a gathering of what he termed his fellow-Liberals, and spoke of the deep pain which he had suffered because of the fact that he had had to part company with them. His argument was that a split was imperative in the interests of the whole country, and we are quite sure that he was honest and sincere in his conviction that that was so. The old Asquith Administration had not shown the requisite vigour in prosecuting the war and Mr. Lloyd George is right when he says that had not a new spirit been imparted into the struggle, the Allied cause would have been lost. That new spirit was provided by Mr. Lloyd George and the colleagues whom he gathered round him, and we know the magnificent results that it had.

We are not going to say, however, that Mr. Asquith and his Cabinet did nothing to help us win. They had heavy burdens to bear in the early part of the struggle, and it would be the utmost bad grace to attempt to belittle the part which these men, plunged without warning into a world catastrophe, played. But the task eventually became too big for them, and so they had to make room for more virile men. All this being true, we still cannot look upon the Premier as a Liberal, at any rate on some of the questions involving sharp divergences of principle. He has changed his outlook during the war, possibly for the good of the country, but he appears to deceive himself when he says that he is a Liberal still. His future will be decided at the next General Election, and around this striking personality the interest of the nation will then centre. If he can pull the Coalition through, his leadership will not be disputed for very many years. But extraordinary political insight would be required of anyone who would dogmatically predict what may happen to the various parties in the next Election.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

CORRUPT OFFICIALS.

The story of official corruption in China is as old as the hills, and it is a subject that has been unmercifully exploited by those who have to write. Dishonesty by those holding positions of power is by no means confined to the Orient; it is world-wide and has been so ever since men consented to delegate powers of communal administration to a few. But in China one does come across some very open and flagrant breaches of public trust, and we see that at Hangchow there is quite an interesting enquiry being made into the whereabouts of some lost money. The duty on spirits should have produced \$80,000, but only \$60,000 appeared in the official books as being collected, and, very naturally, people are asking: "What of the balance?" It looks as though someone has "ramoosed" with it. At a meeting of the Provincial Assembly someone else referred to the "unrighteous methods in force among officials for enriching themselves at the expense of the cause entrusted to their care," and the report goes to say that specific cases were mentioned. The resignation of the Vice-President is being called for, as it is said that he obtained his present position through bribery, and there is suggested the formation of a Committee to supervise the spending of money raised in connection with a building scheme, because people do not want to see any of this "go west." The question is: "Who is going to guarantee the Committee?" The Chinese seem to have carried the habit of "making a bit" farther than any other people, and the unfortunate part of it all is that China cannot afford it. In certain directions she is trying to put herself straight, but so long as men become officials for what they can personally get out of the office, China will have to wait for a good many desired improvements.

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NEW JOSS PIDGIN.

We have come across a rather interesting explanation of why it is that Chinese are so very fond of dodging out of the way of rickshaws and motor cars at the very last moment. Motorists have been not a little puzzled about the habit and not a little inconvenienced. The North China Daily News now comes forward with the enlightening news that it is only a little more "joss pidgin." Perhaps it would be better, if we gave that paper's own account: "We are now informed that this is a new piece of joss pidgin, resulting from the advent of the motor-car, the scheme being as follows. A Chinese suffers from bad luck, and when he is certain that it is dogging his footsteps, he selects the motor-car as the best means of ridding himself of it. The phrase 'dogged by bad luck,' is taken literally by these people (according to our informant). There is a spirit, hanging on his heels, so if he can just shove a car by the narrowest margin, the spirit gets it in the neck. Thus, the narrower the escape, the more the Chinese is delighted and the louder he laughs." It's quite a pretty little scheme, but it reminds us of the schoolboy who walks on the edge of a wall, and in endeavouring to see how near to the edge he can get without falling off, surprisingly finds that the wall's edge has a limit. He resents that such a game should be accompanied by hurt, and if a Chinese gets knocked down he resents it too. Evil spirits may be uncomfortable, but to have a motor car running over one must be more so.

FITY THE EDITOR.

People who think that Editors have a good time ought to try the game and see. Sometimes, of course, they do get a bit of luck, and yesterday our turn came. We were presented with a share, valued at \$1 (gold) in the Greater Aio Copper Company, of Miami, Arizona, U.S.A. Fact! This share certificate is a wonderfully decorative thing, too. It has a picture on it, a big gilt stamp, and a two-cent revenue stamp. In fact it looks almost worth framing. It is a present to us from Mr. Walter Judd Scott, of Miami. We ought to say "Thank you," but we don't see how we can, for along with it he has sent a statement—in long-handled letters to fill twenty newspaper columns (that's on the word of our No. 1)—and that statement has given us a headache. It's something about a Vacuum Principle Dirigible, The League of Nations, Bolshevism, Quest of the Golden Trail, Evolution, Civilization, Copper Mines—

DAY BY DAY.

A FOOL CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTION TO HIS OWN SATISFACTION.

We acknowledge with thanks a number of books for the troops from "M.N."

Amongst forthcoming weddings is that of Mr. Sidney Evans, of the Civil Service, to Miss Vida Ellis Grimbale.

The average mean temperature for November in Hongkong was 68.1 the lowest recorded being 48.5, on the 25th, and the highest 83.7, on the 6th. There were 2.88 inches of rain and 175.7 hours of sunshine. The average humidity was 67.

Another attempt is to be made to fill the vacancy on the Licensing Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Shelton Hooper. An election by J. P.'s has been fixed for the 22nd instant and nominations have to be handed in by 4 p.m. on the 17th instant.

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The Hongkong Prison Rules have been amended. It is now provided that the term "European prisoners" shall include Americans and such other persons as, owing to their previous mode of life, cannot in the opinion of the Superintendent be properly placed in the category of Asiatic prisoners. The term "Asiatic prisoners" shall include all prisoners other than European prisoners. Any prisoner whose application to be classed as a European prisoner is refused by the Superintendent shall be entitled to appeal to the Governor in Council whose decision shall be final.

THE PHRANANG.

ASHORE ON ADAMASTER ROCK.

Hongkong ships have been having a considerable amount of bad luck lately, and last evening another was added to the list that has come to grief.

The s.s. Phranang, operated locally by Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, left Port yesterday afternoon with a general cargo for Canton. It was early on that she came to grief, for she ran on the Adamaster Rock, well-known by all who travel up and down the west river, which is situated a few miles west of Hongkong. The s.s. Sui An, of the Hongkong and Macao Steamboat Company, was close by at the time and stood by in case help was needed. The boat is apparently well on the rock and although there is said to be about five feet of water in one of the holds, there is no danger of her sinking.

The master of the ship, Captain Nicol, sent the Chief Officer to Hongkong by the Sui An for assistance. On enquiry this morning we learn that early this morning a large Taikoo tug left for the scene of the accident. Up to the time of going to Press the tug had not returned.

It's some statement all right. At the end we are asked 24 long questions about things of which we haven't the faintest notion, and are told that the holding of the free certificate gives us the right to act as an Economist Trustee and gives us a vote in the Economist Convention. Cheers! It may be unkind to say so, but if we are not mad, then Walter Judd Scott is.

1894.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending December 12, 1894.)

THE DOLLAR.
Dec. 6th.—The rate of the Dollar on demand to-day is 2s. 0-1/2d.

FIRST CLASS CADS.
Dec. 6th.—We received to-day a complaint from two ladies who were subjected to grossly offensive conduct on the part of three "doodies" who "edged" our correspondents' chairs into the gutter in passing them in Wyndham Street yesterday afternoon. Fortunately for these first-class cads the ladies in question did not know their assailants' names and are deprived therefore of holding them up to public ridicule and contempt in the manner which their cowardly and boorish conduct merits, but they can rest assured that they are now "marked," if not distinguished, individuals and that no pains will be spared to "place" them in more ways than one.

A CONSTABLE RUNNING AMUCK.
Dec. 7.—For the best part of 17 hours the Central Police Station and the streets in the vicinity were the scene of terrific excitement at 6.30 p.m. last night, owing to a Sikh constable arming himself with a rifle and thirty rounds of ammunition and running amuck. The first intimation of the shocking tragedy was the report of a rifle in the Chinese constables' quarters and the sight of a "lukung," who had been shot by the madman in the abdomen, rolling in agony on the floor, the bowl of rice which he had been eating lying beside him. After slaying the hapless "lukung," the Indian constable dashed into the compound and secreted himself behind some bushes fired shots promiscuously. For a while the madman was master of the situation, for in the darkness no one dared to approach him. Finally Inspector Hennessey sent a party round to the houses with instructions to throw a large quantity of blazing rags into the garden. This was done, and after some more shots had been fired the party approached the "terror," who was found to be lifeless.

FOOTBALL.

PRESENTATION TO MR. F. W. WRIGHT.

At a meeting of the Hongkong Football Association held last evening, a presentation of a silver rose bowl on a blackwood stand was made to Mr. F. W. Wright, the retiring Hon. Secretary, in appreciation of his services from 1912 to 1919. Mr. W. Nicholson the Vice-President, who presided, made the presentation and in doing so said that the task gave him a great deal of pleasure having had opportunities of gaining knowledge of the value of Mr. Wright's services on behalf of Association football in the Colony during the last five years. Proof of the hold the game had on the public could be obtained by a visit to the Valley on any week end. It was no uncommon thing to have a gathering of from three to four thousand people at a game, especially where the Chinese composed one of the sides. The game had come to stay, and he was afraid that not sufficient areas were obtainable to meet the needs of those in search of physical exercise.

Mr. Wright replied thanking all for their kindness and asked that the same treatment as he had received at their hands might be extended to the new Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Ralston, for a better selection for the post could not have been made.

The meeting then fixed up arrangements for two charity matches on the 27th inst. the proceeds of the day to be devoted to the "Devasted Areas of France Fund," the League fixtures for that day to be fixed. The games selected are Services v. Civilians (2nd Division players) kick off, 2.00 p.m., to be followed by England v. Scotland (1st Division players) kick off, 4.00 p.m.

A sub-committee was formed consisting of Messrs. Nicholson, Wilton, Ralston, May, Rasmussen, Warne and McTavish to fix up details for the English v. Scotland game; the same committee, plus the Hon. Secretaries of the second division clubs to attend to the Junior game.

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the League it was decided that the recent match between the Police and E. G. A. be replayed.

"THAIS".

A FINE FILM.

Another Coronet picture which bids fair to be equally popular to the best productions shown at this theatre was screened for the first time there last night. This was the super-film "Thais."

The merits of the picture are unquestioned. Anatole France's virile story is here treated in a magnificent way. The character of "Thais" is well sustained by the famous actress Mary Garden. The photography is superb. We have here a film which is brand new, and where the eye is not taxed by blotches and displacements of light which is so often the case with badly-made pictures. Completely wrapped up in the enjoyment of the picture, one's mind is transported back into the fourth century when the "Golden City of Alexandria" is at the height of its glory, its splendour being compared to the depths of iniquity to which it had sunk. Christianity then had not made itself felt, and the City was in a state bordering on complete chaos. At this epoch, one of her chief citizens, wearying of the cheapness of life, took solace by turning monk, and in this capacity he was a few years later sent back to the City which he had left on embracing the faith, to convert "Thais," to whose wickedness was due in the greater part the general condition in the morals of the City. How far he succeeded in his task, and what were the subsequent happenings which exemplify the saying "The sinner becomes the saint, and the saint becomes the sinner," are depicted in the last reels of the picture. The general excellence of the production ranks it as amongst the most artistic we have seen. The expenses incurred by the producers in the course of the manufacture of the film must have been great, for what was indeed a realistic representation of Alexandria as it was at that period has been brought into the picture.

The same picture is being shown to-night.

INDIAN PRISON COMMISSION.

FAVOURABLY IMPRESSED WITH HONGKONG GAOL.

The members of the Indian Prison Commission, who visited the Victoria Goal on Thursday, say they were very pleased with what they saw. One member remarked to a representative of this paper that he thought it was an institution of which the Hongkong Government could well be proud. It is, he said, very much like an English prison, but it has been adapted to suit the climate, although the roofs were too close and the prison needed more light. These are drawbacks which the authorities realise, and when the new gaol is erected, these defects will be modified.

Another feature that impressed the members of the Indian Prison Commission is the excellent way the gaol is administered. It is very clean and the health of the inmates very good. These points created a generally favourable impression, and the Commission's verdict appears to be that the Victoria gaol is about the best conducted in the Far East. The members are inclined to think that there is not sufficient room for workshops, and consequently some of the inmates cannot be employed as they might be.

HOLIDAYS.

AMENDED LIST.

The previous notification regarding public and general holidays is cancelled and it is now notified that the following General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1920—

Thursday, 1st January.
Friday, 2nd January.
Saturday, 3rd January.
Friday, 20th February.
Good Friday, 2nd April.
Saturday, 3rd April.
Easter Monday, 5th April.
Whit Monday, 24th May.
King's Birthday, Thursday, 3rd June.
Monday, 2nd August.
Monday, 11th October.
Monday, 8th November.
Christmas Day, Saturday, 25th December.
Monday, 27th December.

DISCHARGED.

NO CASE AGAINST GOVERNMENT SERVANT.

The case of Ernest Baker, assistant at the Government Laboratory, charged with demanding a sum of \$900 from a Chinese firm in Sai Street, on the promise of giving a good report on a sample of lard which the firm submitted to him for analysis, was concluded before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defence, stated that the manager of the Union Trading Company which bought fat from Chinese firms including the shop at Sai Street, was a particular friend of the accused, and that the clerks of this Company also were known to him as they had been his schoolmates. If he had wanted to discover the names of the persons who sent the samples of fat to the Laboratory, he could have got his information from the Union Trading Company and would not have gone to a strange firm as the one in Sai Street. As a matter of fact, Mr. Lo continued, if the case had proceeded he (Mr. Lo) could have proved an alibi and could have traced the movements of the accused from 5 o'clock, when he left the office, until 9.30 of the day in question. The accused, of course, was known to be employed at the Analysts' Office. In point of fact he had been seen taking samples of the oil for analysis for and on behalf of various clients, and the defence alleged that the principal witness for the prosecution, who had not the pick to turn up in Court, knew the defendants and was aware of this procedure. This man, who was employed at the Sai Street firm, approached his master with the proposition that should the latter give him \$900 he would see that the accused passed a good report on the sample of fat. The money, of course, would go into the man's own pocket. He (Mr. Lo) was informed by the Union Trading Company that the fat was in almost all cases quite "good" and that it was sent to the Laboratory to obtain a certificate to make it part of the routine. He (Mr. Lo) asked his Worship, in view of the facts and of the absence of proof on the part of the Police, to discharge the accused without a stain on his character. He (Mr. Lo) might mention that, in accordance with the suggestion by his Worship, he had seen the Captain Superintendent of Police yesterday afternoon, and placed before him the facts.

His Worship:—Ernest Baker, you have been charged with attempting to obtain a bribe of \$900 in connection with your duty in the Government Laboratory and the Police to-day reported to me that they are unable to offer any evidence in support of the charge. Your solicitor has been given the opportunity of making statements set out on the facts from your point of view. All I can say is that I have no evidence before me in support of the charge. You are discharged.

The accused:—Thank you, sir.

BREVITIES.

Frequently three crops a year are raised in Abyssinia.

Germans have patented a process to make sugar from acetylene.

Before the advent of Christianity, hogs were household pets among the Hawaiians.

Carbon, at white heat, subjected to the pressure of a high explosive, crystallizes into diamonds.

In certain of the South Sea islands the natives have no word for "weather" because every day is sunny.

Aceria, Italy, is now a famous health resort. Not many years ago, before the marshes were drained, it was extremely unhealthy.

Airmen passing over Santa Monica, Cal., are requested to fly high during church hours on Sunday so as not to distract attention from services.

Raymond Poincare, president of France, learned English as a war measure at the age of 58 and now can make an impromptu speech in our language.

In 1908 Delagrange carried another man with him in an airplane flight, this being the first time in the history of aerial aviation that two men have flown in one plane.

There are 12,000,000 negroes in the United States.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

U. S. COAL STRIKE.

Chicago, Dec. 8.
The miners officials state that Pres. Wilson's proposal of Dec. 7 included a fourteen per cent advance in wages, and the appointment, upon resumption of work, of a Commission to study wages, profits, and conditions connected with the industry. It is believed certain the strike will be settled this week.

Washington, Dec. 7.
The Attorney General announces that a compromise for the termination of the coal strike has been reached by representatives of the Government and miners. It will be submitted to the miners Executive Committee on Tuesday.

The compromise was suggested by Pres. Wilson who was represented at the conference by Secretary Tumulty. The miners representative will urge the men to accept.

London, Dec. 7.
An unconfirmed report from Washington states that the coal strike has been declared off. Details were completed on Dec. 9.

Washington, Dec. 8.
The embargo on bunkering foreign vessels is causing great concern to the various Embassies who are discussing the situation. A Shipping Board is suggested. Britain not having a commercial agreement with the United States may be forced to send coal overseas.

New York, Dec. 6.
Owing to coal shortage one hundred eastern railroads are drastically curtailing their passenger services. The heating of New York subways and elevateds is partially cut off. Street lighting has been halted and Broadway signs are restricted to one hour nightly.

U. S. FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Washington, Dec. 8.
President Wilson in a letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee declares he would be gravely concerned to see a resolution such as Senator Fall's, mentioned on Dec. 3, pass the Senate as it might gravely confuse the guidance of foreign affairs.

U. S. NAVY.

Washington, Dec. 7.
The report of the Secretary of the Navy estimates the actual cost of the Navy during the war at \$2,652,000,000. Next fiscal year the Navy will require approximately \$373,000,000 or forty millions under the present fiscal year. The recommendations include the enlargement of the Pacific Coast establishment to provide a Pacific Fleet.

AMERICA'S PEACE DELEGATION.

Paris, Dec. 6.
The American Peace Delegation departs on 8th Dec. Ambassador Wallace, with curtailed authority, will be the sole American representative.

SERBIA SIGNS TREATIES.

Paris, Dec. 6.
Serbia has signed the Austrian and Bulgarian Treaties.

BRITISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 5.
Reuter is authorised to reaffirm that Mr. O'Grady M.P., has received most definite instructions to negotiate solely for an exchange of prisoners.

VANDALS.

MURDER OF TEMPLE CARETAKER.

A gang of men desecrated the Tam Kemple, in the village of Ma Tau Chung, when they entered it the other day, and, after looting the building, killed its ancient caretaker. One of the valued possessions of the dead man was an opium pipe, which the robbers had no scruples in stealing. They also laid hands on the images, and lifted from the neck of one on the altar five neck chains and a gold bangle. The total loss sustained as a result of the depredations of the robbers is estimated at \$29. The robbery was not discovered until yesterday morning, when the niece of the murdered man came to the temple on a visit and found his dead body inside the building, bearing marks on the neck which indicated that he had been strangled.

DAY BY DAY.

A Chinese woman, in attempting suicide, took a curious course to go about it. She first put herself into an intoxicated state with the aid of liquors, then took a knife and cut her throat with it. Fortunately, she was discovered in the act in time to prevent her from doing further harm to herself. As it was, her condition was such that removal to hospital was necessary.

At 2 p.m. yesterday, a highway robbery took place near the Ma Shik Au Gap, at a place above the old Tytam Reservoir. An inhabitant of the Lan Nai Wan village, was returning from Wan-chai to his home when he was set upon by two men who, coming up behind him, threw him to the ground. In the indignified position of being pressed down on his stomach to the ground, the hapless victim was relieved of his pocket money, which amounted to a sum of \$7. The robbers made their escape.

SHIPPING DISASTER.

ANOTHER CHINESE VESSEL LOST.

News of yet another shipping disaster on the China Coast was received in the Colony this morning. A telegram that was received by the Harbour Office states that the s.s. Chik Sang, a Chinese owned boat, which was on her way from Hongkong, was wrecked on the Hainan shoals on the evening of December 9.

The vessel was Chinese manned, no Europeans being on board. The telegram further states that only two survivors were picked up by a sailing vessel in the neighbourhood of Hoihow. The ship's full complement of officers and men numbered about forty.

Captain McClellan, of the s.s. Brisbane, which arrived in Hongkong this morning, has also reported that he picked up a fireman belonging to the wrecked steamer, so that it would appear that there are only three survivors of the tragedy.

THE TRAPPIST COLONY.

Describing the famous Trappist colony in the Hokkaido, a writer in the *Osaka Asahi* notes that it is situated in the district of Kami-Iso, and is conducted under rigid rules. The Trappists rise every morning at 2 o'clock, and are engaged in their devotions until six, when they break their fast. At 7.30, again to prayers. With the rise of the sun, they rally forth to the fields, where they engage in attending their cattle, sheep, etc. Politeness, perseverance, and courage are the watchwords of this religious industrial community. The Trappists first settled there in 1896, and are famous for their cheese and butter, over a hundred thousand pounds of which are produced yearly. The colony includes Japanese priests, and French, Dutch, Italian and American Trappist monks are in residence.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.—3rd Sunday in Advent, 14th December, 1919. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Introit: Psalm XXIII. Service: Merbecke. Hymns: 53, 313, 549 (418) 551. Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Feriat. Venite: Alcock. Psalm: Smart (14th evening). Te Deum: Barnby, Turle and Turle (13th evening). Benedictus: Troutbeck. Hymns: 47, 50. Sevenfold Amen. God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 73, verses 1, 2, 21, 24 & 25 in unison. Hymn 47, verse 1 in unison. Hymn 50, verse 5 in unison. Litany (12 noon.) Evensong (6 p.m.) Responses: Feriat. Psalms: Cooke and Woodward (15th morning) Turle (16th evening). Middle Voluntary: Evensong—F. Lacey. Magnificat: Fussell (19th evening). Nunc Dimittis: Poland (22nd evening.) Hymns: 53, 206 (144), 32 (13). Voluntary: Andante from Fourth Organ Symphony—Widor. N.B.—Psalm 75, verses 1, 2 in unison. Psalm 76, verses 1, 7 & 8 in unison. Psalm 82, verses 1 & 4 in unison. Hymns 53, verse 1 in unison. Hymns 82, verses 3 & 7 in unison.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.—14th December, 1919.—3rd Sunday in Advent. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Responses: Feriat. Venite: Alcock. Psalm: LXXXIII—(14th Evening) Smart. Te Deum: St. Jude. Benedictus: Garrett. Hymns: 79 (A. & M. 203), 295, 485. Evening Prayer 6 p.m. Responses: Feriat. Psalms: LXXXV—(15th Morning) Cooke. LXXXVI—(15th Morning) Woodward. LXXXVII—(16th Evening) Turle. Magnificat: Smart. Nunc Dimittis: Felton. Hymns: 74, 326 (Appendix Tune), 502.

UNION CHURCH KENNEDY ROAD.—Sunday Services Dec. 14th. Morning at 11. Hymns: 366, 566, 249, 298. Evening at 6. Hymns: 361, 606, 392, 267. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST POINT.—Sunday, Dec. 14th 1919. 8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, and Sermon.

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The Hongkong Treasury issues the following financial statement for the month of August, 1919:—

Balance of Assets and Liabilities on 31st July, 1919, \$7,234,858.61
Revenue from 1st to 31st August, 1919, 1,282,929.44
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Expenditure from 1st August, 1919, 993,302.30
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The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

Cotton piece good and fancy cotton goods.—During the interval Manchester prices have again advanced and there are no indications of any decline for some time to come. Small sales of staples spot cargo are mentioned for clearance in one week.

Cotton yarn.—Demand has fallen off somewhat and only a limited business has been transacted, chiefly confined to 12s and 20s. Towards the close, values are slightly easier. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$223/258. No. 12s at \$243/278. No. 16s at \$292/333. No. 20s at \$330/362. Arrivals 8,700 bales. Sales 2,000 bales. Shipments nil. Unsold

Stock 4,500 bales. Bargains 18,000 bales.

Raw Cotton.—Quotations are nominally unchanged as follows:—Indian description \$44/56 per picul. Chinese descriptions \$48/60 per picul.

Woolens.—Moderate business doing. Metals.—Very little business reported fixed. Meanwhile quotations for most lines have firmed up considerably. Wire nails are up several shillings a picul, according to latest advices cabled from London. Steel plates are also up, the thinner sizes quoted at \$24 to \$25 per ton c.i.f.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: About 8,000 American, 572,000 Australian, 20,000 Shanghai, 600,000 in all. Quotations:—American Patent, \$3.45 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.35 per sack; Shanghai Flour 2nd, \$2.95 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$2.75 per sack; Australian No. 2, \$2.68 per sack.

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If ye dinna believe me, ye'll find it set out In the Scots' Privy Council Decrees I've nae doot, How the bonneted Scotties to England would scoot, Forsaking "Auld Reekie" for London!

So James, in his wisdom, did straitly ordain That narry a Scotsman should e'er leave his hame Till he'd gotten a license to warrant that same, But should tarry a while 'mid the thistles!

And at all Market Crosses in Scotia's fair land, The departure of Scotsmen so strictly was banned, That to calm down their feelings, they said they'd be damned, If they didn't play "gouff" on the Saubath!

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SALVAGE OF JAPANESE STEAMERS.
In connection with the previous report of the sale of Japanese steamers to foreigners, it is interesting to note that more than 15 steamers have so far been sold. The Uchida Steamship Company has again signed a contract with a Norwegian business man for the sale of the Aikoku Maru, 4,720 tons, at the price of £20 per ton with a discount of 5 per cent. The ship is being released next month by the French Government, to whom the Uchida company chartered her at £5.50 per ton in December 1917, for two years.

A REVERSIBLE LIFEBOAT.
A new reversible lifeboat has been invented by Thomas Gaskin, a shipwright, of Scottish parentage, and from all accounts it seems to be in every way an improvement in life-saving equipment. The boat, as the heading states, is reversible, being identically the same either side up. Should it capsize, regardless of which side is uppermost, it is so constructed with non-return valves that all water is quickly baled out of it. The wonderful buoyancy of the boat is such that even if she were holed in launching, and water entered around the tanks, she would not submerge below decks. Sometimes it happens in case of shipwrecks that lifeboats are capsized and emerge from the water keel uppermost, and people are found clinging to it. Lives have been lost in these circumstances through exposure and inability to hold on for any length of time.

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She is built to seat 60 people, but even if 60 more clambered over the side she would not sink or overturn, and the amount she would be unappreciable. She has been put through some very severe tests by the American authorities for buoyancy, stability, baling, turning, and rowing and sailing tests, and she came through all with flying colours. Whilst there is not space here to give full details of each test, one—that of turning—deserves a special line. By means of a crane the boat was turned over: it was found that she scooped little or no water and was dry in less time than it takes to write this. This test was so amazing that the inspectors repeated it twice, with the same result. When one considers the discomfort and danger caused by the lifeboat filling with water, either through accident or the shipping of a sea, the time wasted in trying to bale it out, very often with little effect, there is no doubt that the "Gaskin" has a very good recommendation on this point alone. It has been certified by the American authorities as a class A.1 open lifeboat, and a second class lifeboat and as a raft. It is to be expected that this new kind of lifeboat will be generally adopted in many vessels, more especially those that are engaged in passenger trades to different parts of the world. Many of the faults that are found in the present styles of lifeboat in use are entirely corrected in the new reversible craft and this will greatly add to its attractiveness amongst ship-owners.

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KOBE	Yatsing	Wed., 17th Dec. at 5 p.m.
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SHANGHAI	Choyang	Fri., 19th Dec. at d'light.
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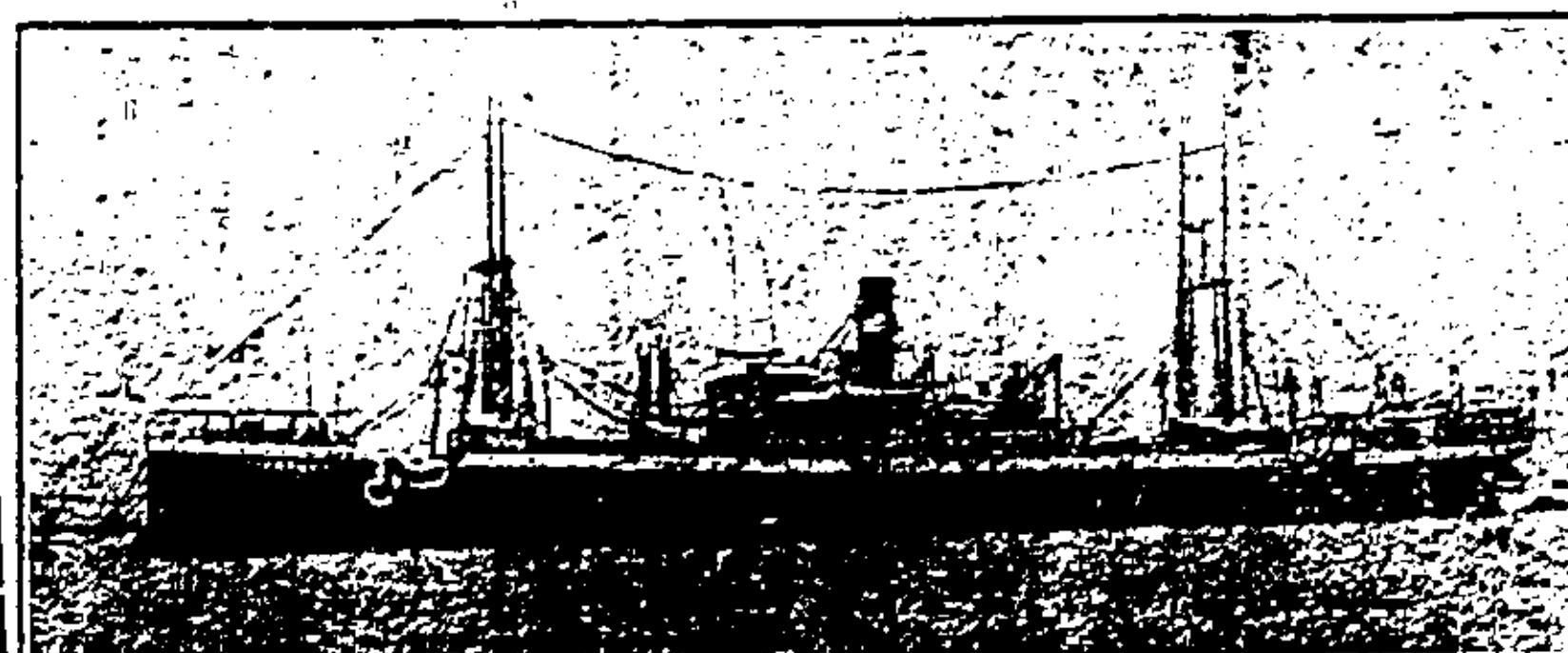
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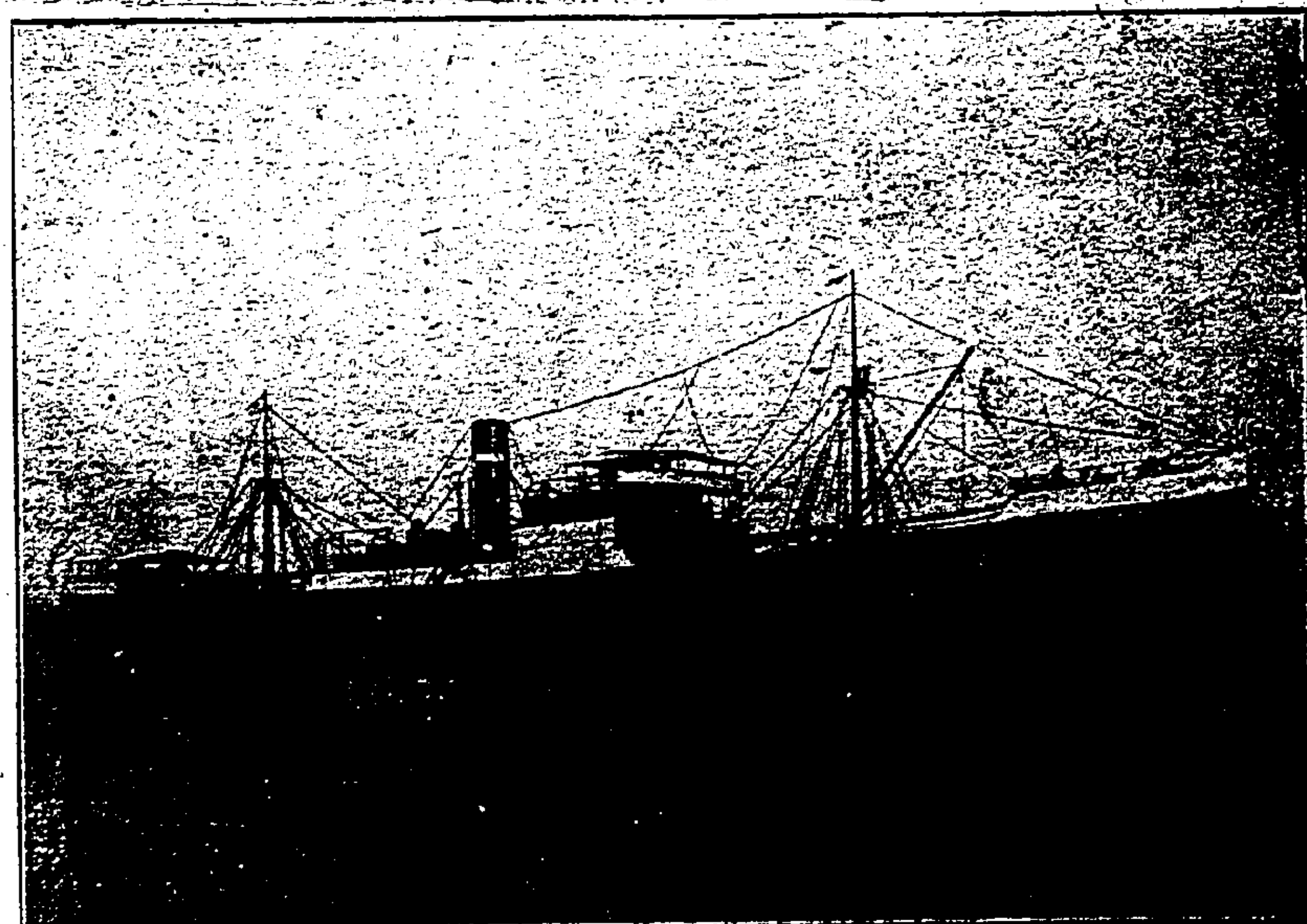
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The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

Lewyushing, from Kobe.

Vena, 600 Kanbotagat, from Nagasaki.

Harthing, General Delivery, from Shanghai.

Lopeng Kwongtaichung, Queen's Road Central, from Shanghai.

Kianshong, from Amoy.

Yingwo, Westpoint, from Shanghai.

Keachang, from Shanghai.

Gelpke, Care Victoria, from Kobe.

Sinenghin, Des Yoeux Central, from Amoy.

Turkaya, from Tanokuchi.

Major Rilliero Coupon, Re-transmitted, from Yokohama, from Victoria B. C.

Katojuichi Captain, Burongan Maru, via Hongkong, from Tokohashi.

Yuenyuchang, from Shanghai.

Sykora, from Yokohama.

T. KRING.

Superintendent,

Hongkong, Dec. 12, 1919.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRAL-ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong:—

Bird, from Stonyhurst.

Frimling, from San Francisco.

Holiday, from New York.

Kolomel, from San Francisco.

Roy Smith "Kashgar" Peninsular, from Sydney.

Sisco, from Paris.

Zoltakhan, Sergeant Dogger Police, from Singapore.

D. de H. FARRANT,

Superintendent,

Hongkong, Dec. 11, 1919.

CHINESE STUDYING WIRELESS.

According to the Peking Daily News, the Ministry of Navy, contemplating the establishment of a school to train wireless operators for the Navy. Students for the Institute will be selected from among the military men now serving in the army.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CHALLENGE TO CIVILISATION.

London, Dec. 7.
Mr. Lloyd George in a speech admitted that the anti-dumping Bill was retrogressive but the promoters of the Tariff Bill of 1918 or the Runciman resolutions at Paris which singled out one nation for hostile legislation after the war cannot condemn the Government's attitude. He as a free trader refused to believe that the cause of free trade was inseparable from permitting dumping which Mr. Asquith styled unfair. Competition to remove dumping would strengthen free trade. This one measure was to be used to urge Liberals to abandon their pledges, further divide the nation and hamper national reconstruction. They were asked to leave a combination which had carried the greatest reform act and the greatest land reform ever carried, which was pledged to Home Rule and liberal institutions in India. "We are asked to divide the nation in face of a vigilant enemy in order to reunite the Liberal party on the German dump heap. That was not going to make Liberalism a living force." The Premier tributing the loyalty of his Unionist colleagues to their election pledges said Mr. Runciman recently advocated the co-operation of the best elements of Liberals and Labourites. The same thing applied to the best elements of Liberals and Unionists. He asked Mr. Asquith whether he, if in power, would have dismissed the Unionist colleagues who helped to win the war. The only alternative to coalition was confusion. There was a new challenge to civilisation affecting the whole fabric of society. It declared that private enterprise was a failure which must be rooted out. Those who believed in the virtues of private enterprise must remove the evils which had provoked the challenge. National unity alone could save Britain, Europe and the world. He appealed to Liberalism to participate worthily by united effort to save the world.

PASSAGES FOR BRITISH TRADERS.

London, Dec. 9.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Boyle, Mr. Asquith said that detailed arrangements for providing accommodation on British warships for representatives of British trading firms were still being discussed with the Admiralty and no accommodation had yet been finally allotted. There were on the lists of the Overseas Trade Department three hundred applications for assistance in obtaining passages to overseas ports but it was anticipated accommodation could be found for a very large proportion thereof on ordinary liners. The First Lord of the Admiralty was doing everything in his power to expedite the provision of accommodation on ships going abroad.

ENEMY TRADE.

London, Dec. 9.
The resumption of trading with enemy firms doing business in China, Siam, Persia, Liberia, and Portuguese East Africa is authorised.

THE REGAINED TERRITORY.

Paris, Dec. 8.
Impressive scenes marked the opening of the new Chamber owing to the first attendance of Alsace Lorraine members since 1871. There was a thrilling moment when representatives of the liberated provinces entered. A brief silence was followed by a storm of cheers. After a reception by the temporary chairman, one of the newcomers movingly replied in the course of which he expressed Alsace Lorraine's gratitude to France. Clemenceau followed with an eloquent welcome and recalled the restored territories past troubles and France's joy at reunion.

Paris, Dec. 7.
Extraordinary interest attaches to to-morrow's sitting of the Chamber which is the first election since the beginning of the war. Twenty-four Alsatian deputies will occupy the central seats. Clemenceau greets them on behalf of the Government.

THE AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

Paris, Dec. 9.
"Liberte" states that if M. Poulet arrives in Australia he will give a series of exhibitions at Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. He will then fly over Borneo up the Chinese coast to Japan whence he will return by India then homeward by his outgoing route. M. Poulet thus hopes to cover his expenses and also aid the widow of M. Vedrines who was killed while preparing for a tour of the world.

Paris, Dec. 6.
M. Poulet arrived at Bangkok before Ross Smith. He handed over Government documents entrusted to him by the Siamese Mission in Paris.

"T. P." AND THE GOVERNMENT.

London, Dec. 8.
Mr. T. P. O'Connor has issued a manifesto declaring Ireland has nothing to expect from the present Ministry which has broken its pledges to Ireland in almost the same breath in which they were uttered. He announces that the United Irish League of Britain is to become an independent ally of the Labour Party.

FRANCO-AMERICO-BRITISH ALLIANCE.

London, Dec. 8.
Lord Robert Cecil, speaking at Liverpool, said he did not think the suggested Alliance between Great Britain, France, and America would eventuate. Such Alliances broke down just when wanted. If the United States did not join the League of Nations we must go on therewith.

RUMANIA'S OBJECTIONS.

London, Dec. 5.
Renter learns that the Rumanian objections to signing the Austrian Peace Treaty, owing to the clauses dealing with the protection of minorities, are likely to be overcome. The Supreme Council has accepted suggested modifications.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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S.S. "TEIRESIAS,"

Taking first class passengers for Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, will sail on Wednesday, 17th inst.

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Estate ... \$805,000 Cash.
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on the 22nd of December, 1919.
BENJAMIN & POTTS,
Share & General Brokers,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1919.

G. R.

NOTICES.

Particulars and Conditions of
the letting by Public Auction
Sale, to be held on Monday,
the 1st day of December, 1919,
at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the
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Order of His Excellency the
Governor, of one Lot of Crown
Land at Conduit Road, in the
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Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor
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1	Conduit Road	100 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.	40,000	0.92	\$1,000

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MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Office of the above Com-
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moved to No. 3 Queen's Buildings,
(Chater Road).
Hongkong, 8th December, 1919

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT &
POWER CO., (1918) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the
first Ordinary General Meeting
of Shareholders will be held at
the Offices of the Company, St.
George's Building, Chater Road,
Victoria, Hongkong, on Saturday
the 20th December, 1919, at
11.30 a.m. in the forenoon, for the
purpose of receiving a statement
of accounts and the report of the
General Managers for the 14
months ending 30th September,
1919, and electing a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.
The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Monday the 15th December 1919
until Saturday the 20th December
1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers,
Hongkong, 5th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

CHINA BORNEO COMPANY
LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that an
Extraordinary General Meeting
of the above Company will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Gibb Livingston & Co., St.
George's Buildings Victoria in
the Colony of Hongkong on Mon-
day the 29th day of December
1919 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the
following Resolution as an Ordina-
ry Resolution—

1. "That the conditional agree-
ment entered into by the
Directors of the Company in the
name and on behalf of the
Company with Harrison and
Crossfield Limited dated the
10th day of December 1919 for
the sale of the undertaking
property and assets of the
Company as existing on the
31st day of December 1918
subject to its liabilities, for the
sum of \$328,000 (Eight hundred
and twenty-eight thousand
dollars) cash which has been
submitted to this meeting be
and the same is hereby ratified
and approved and that the
Directors be and they are here-
by authorised and directed to
carry the same into effect
with full power to assent to
any modifications in the
Agreement which they may
think expedient and in the
interest of the Company"

Copies of the above mentioned
Agreement can be seen at the
Registered Office of the Company
St. George's Buildings, Chater
Road, Victoria, aforesaid or at
the offices of Messrs. Johnson
Stokes & Master, the Solicitors
to the Company, at Prince's
Building, Ice House Street,
Victoria aforesaid, at any time
before the said meeting (except
Saturdays and Sundays) between
the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

And subject to the passing of
the above Resolution to consider
and if thought fit, to pass an
Extraordinary Resolution the following.
2. "That the Company be wound
up voluntarily and that Ernest
Alfred Mountford Williams of
the Firm of Lowe Bingham
and Matthews of Chartered
Bank Building Queen's Road
Central, Victoria aforesaid be
appointed Liquidator for the
purposes of such winding up,
at such remuneration as may
be arranged between the said
Harrison and Crossfield Limited
and the Liquidator.

Should the Second Resolution be
passed by the requisite majority,
it will be submitted for confirma-
tion as a Special Resolution to a
Second Extraordinary General
Meeting to be held at the above
address at twelve o'clock noon on
Tuesday the 13th day of January
1920.

By Order of the Board
(Sd.) GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents,
Hongkong, 10th December, 1919.

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HONGKONG POLICE

The Hongkong Police Victory
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Hall on Wednesday the 17th
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mence at 9 p.m.

W. HENDERSON,
Hon. Secretary
Central Police Station

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagees
Mr. Geo. P. Lammert has
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction
on
WEDNESDAY
the 24th day of December, 1919
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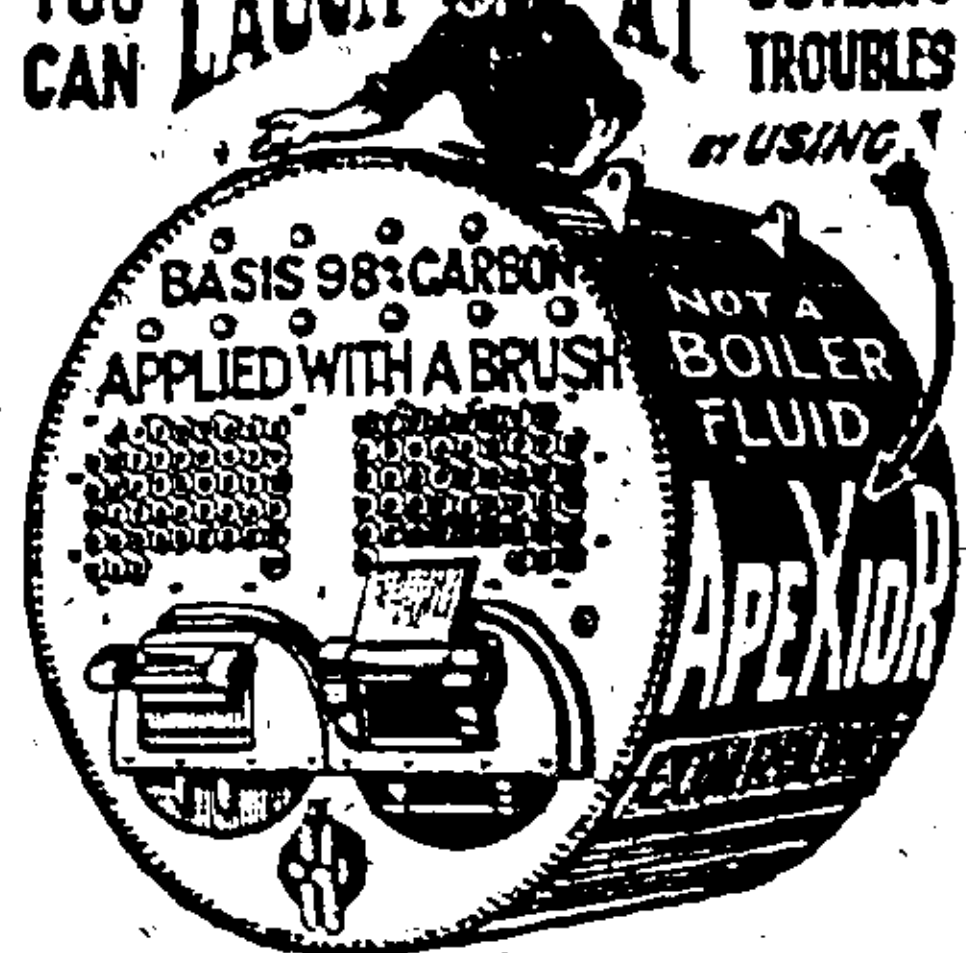
Lot 2 All that piece of ground
situate at Kowloon Point regis-
tered in the Land Office as Sec-
tion N. of Kowloon Inland Lot
No. 410 together with the messu-
age thereon No. 22 Ashley Road,
Kowloon Term 75 years from
24th June 1832. Area 1892 1/2
square feet. Proportion of
Annual Crown rent \$10.50.

For further particulars and
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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Dec. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 1st January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1919.

"NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship
"INABA MARU."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 19th December, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

"NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,"
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1919.

NOTICE

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

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Chairman: His Honour Sir W. REES DAVIES, K.C.
Referees: H.J. GEDGE Esq. and W. LOGAN Esq.

TOURNAMENT.

CITY HALL, SATURDAY, December, 13th 1919, at 9.15 p.m.

1.—Fifteen-round Contest for the Welterweight Championship of the Colony.

Between Sergt. SKY KERRISON, R.N.Y.P. (Holder), and Stoker EDDIE WALTERS, H.M.S. Hawkins (Challenger).

2.—Ten-round Middleweight Contest.

Between "PEGGY" EVANS, H.M.S. Hawkins (ex-Middleweight Champion of Mediterranean Station), and Seaman HEWLITT, H.M.S. Alacrity.

3.—Eight-round Featherweight Contest.

Between Stoker NEAL, Kowloon Torpedo Depot, and Officer's Steward DANIELS, H.M.S. Ambrose.

4.—Six-round Flyweight Contest. Between Boy FLUSH, H.M.S. Hawkins, and Boy COLES, H.M.S. Hawkins.

5.—Six-round Middleweight Contest.

Between Sergeant ROGERS, Wiltshire Regiment, and Seaman WILLOUGHBY, H.M.S. Hawkins.

6.—Six-round Lightweight Contest. Between Private WOODWARD, Wiltshire Regiment, and Seaman O'SHEA, H.M.S. Carlisle.

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BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S ON AND FROM WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10TH. DOORS OPEN AT 8.30 P.M. J. C. WILDEN, Manager, Hongkong Boxing Association.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, S.S. "TENYO MARU," From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived Thursday, December, 11th.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk. Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Wednesday, December, 19th.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where same will be examined on Friday, December 19th, at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever, will be effected.

T. DAIGO, Manager, Hongkong, 11th December, 1919.

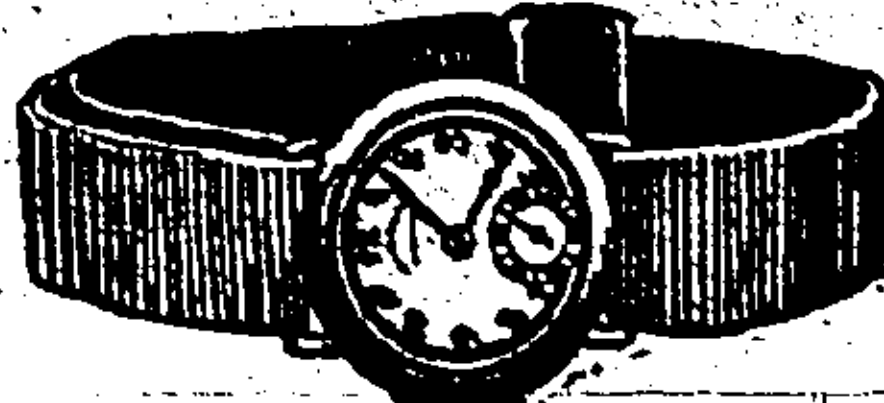


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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K.s.s. TOYO M. No. 2 (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta, for this port via Singapore on the 4th Dec., and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

The N.Y.K.s.s. TENSIN M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct, on the 6th Dec., and is expected here on the 29th Dec.

The R.M.S. MONTEAGLE left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai on the 24th Nov. and is due here on or about the 26th December.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA arrived at Yokohama on 4th Dec. left there 6th Dec. noon, and is due at Vancouver on 15th Dec.

The s.s. METHVEN arrived at Singapore on 7th Dec., leaves there 14th Dec., and is due at Hongkong on 21st Dec.

The China Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of a telegram from its Yokohama agency advising that the s.s. NILE sailed from that port on December 8th, and she may be expected to arrive in Hongkong on December 15th.

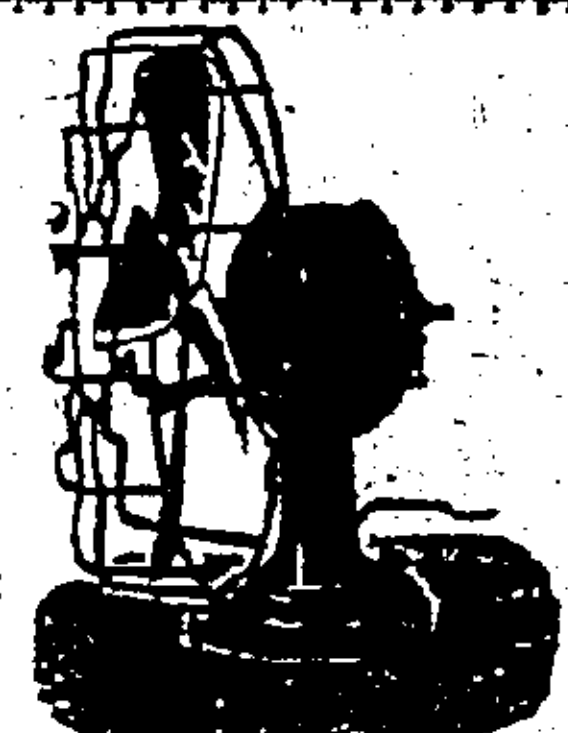
The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of cable advice from its Manila Office to the effect that the s.s. CADDOPEAK, Voyage 1, (Shanghai/Calcutta Line) sailed from that Port on the 9th inst., and that she will arrive at this Port on Saturday December 13th.

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The N.Y.K.s.s. MISHIMA MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 8th Dec. and is expected here on the 17th Dec.

The N.Y.K.s.s. KAIFUKU MARU (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 9th Dec. and is expected here on the 18th Dec.

The P. & O. s.s. DONGOLA left Singapore for this Port on the 10th instant, at 9 a.m. and is due here on the 15th instant, at about noon.

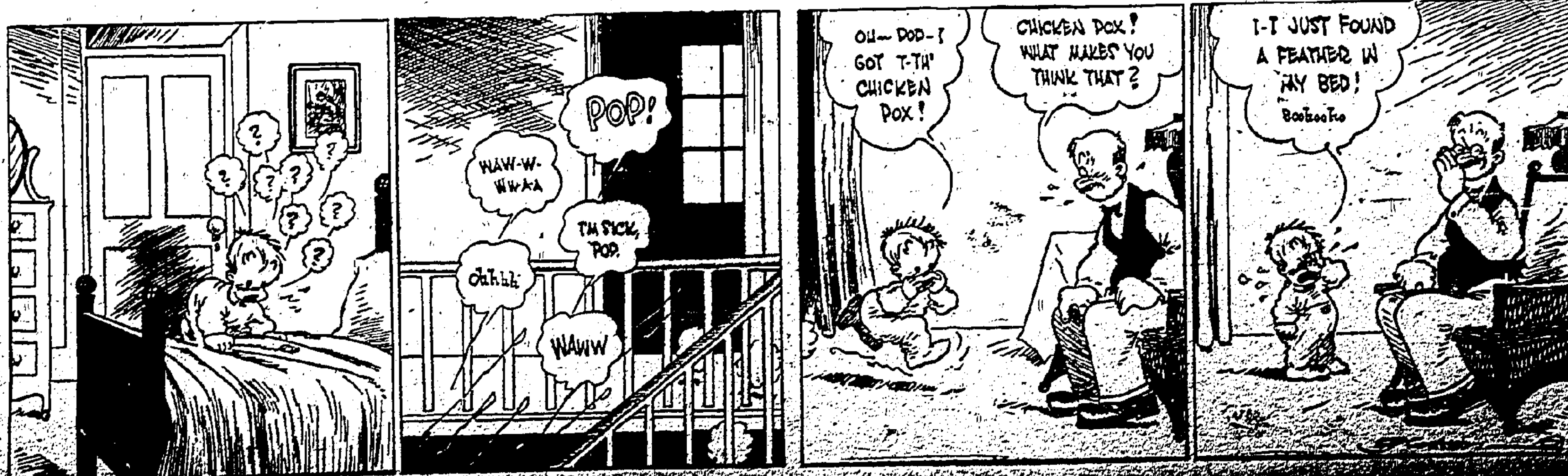
The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived at Kobe on 11th December a.m. left there 11th December, p.m., and was due at Nagasaki on 12th December.

The N.Y.K.s.s. HWAH-WU (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 11th Dec., and is expected here on the 16th Dec.

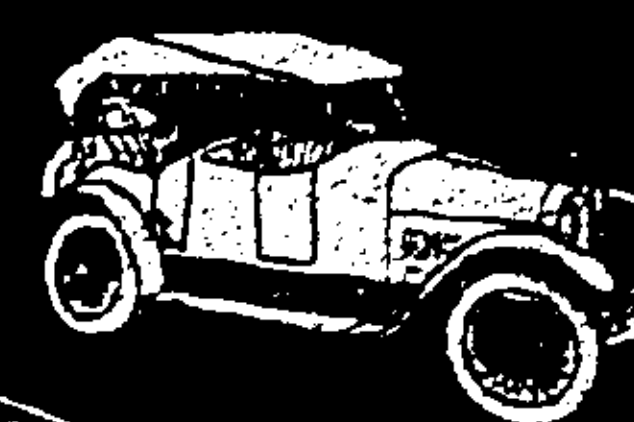
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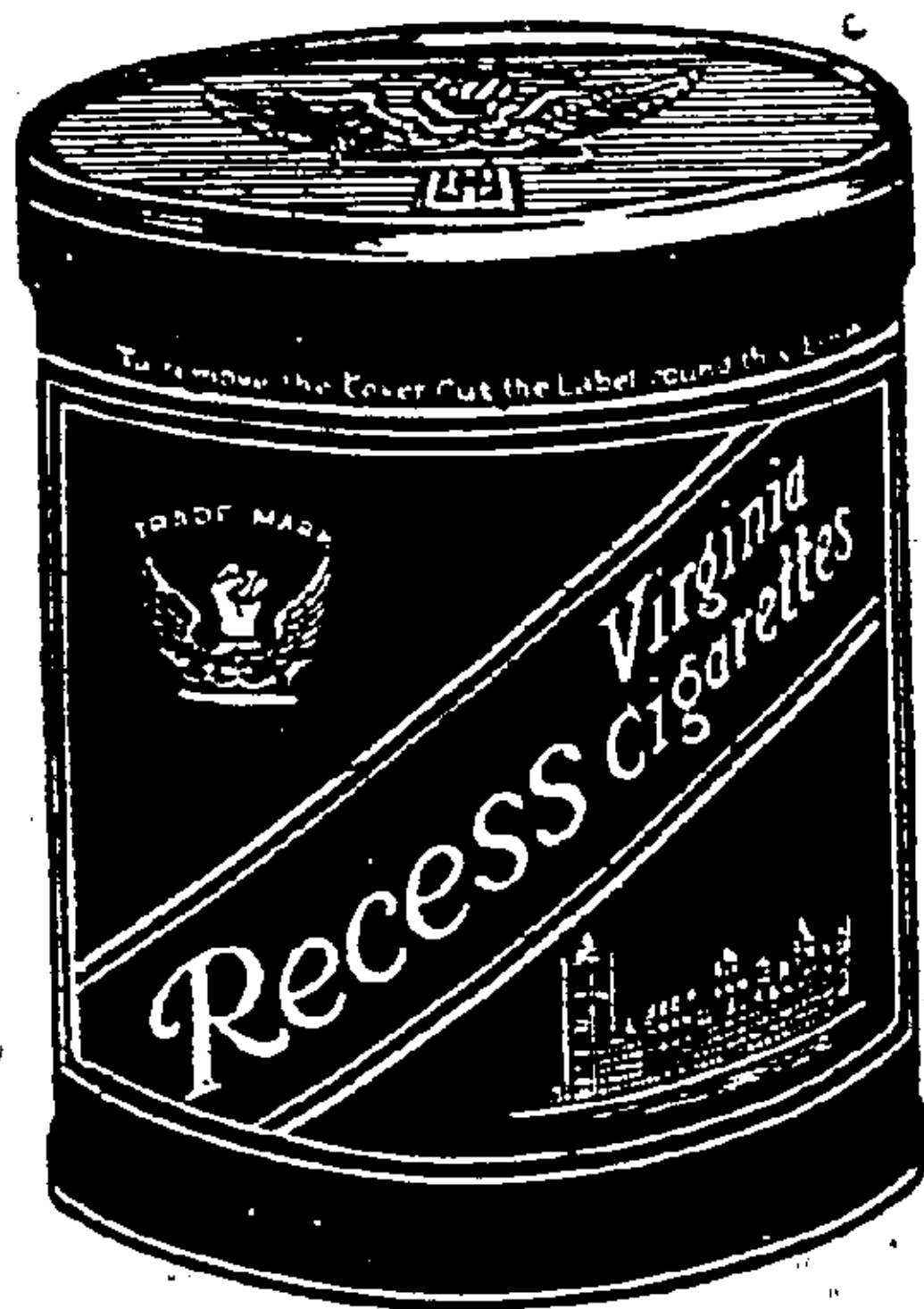


The illustration depicts a woman in a long, light-colored dress with a dark belt, standing next to a wooden chair. The chair has a large, patterned cushion. The woman is holding a large, striped bag. The background is a simple line drawing of a room with a window and a door.

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Ferries s.	32
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Sugars b.	193
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Kailans b.	90
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Shanghai Loans s.	t. 15
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Tronohs b.	46
Ural Caspian n.	46
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H.K. Wharves s.	175
K. Docks n.	t. 122
Shai Docks n.	t. 23
N. Engineerings n.	t. 23
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H.K. Hotels s.	120
L. Invest s.	118
H. Phreys Est. s.	9
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L. Reclamations s.	150
West Points s.	90
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China Borneos b.	15
Do. Light b. old 7.30 new 5.30	
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Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1919.

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TO-MORROW.
Macao—Per SUI AN, 14th Dec., 8.30 a.m.
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